

the law school of the University of Oregon. He then practiced law with his father before entering public service.

Wisconsin is fortunate to have a great leader like Fred Risser. Throughout his extraordinary career, he has served his constituents and his community diligently. It is our great honor to join Fred's wife Nancy, children and grandchildren, his many friends, and our colleagues in the House of Representatives, in wishing Fred a happy 90th birthday—and many more years.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. KUHN'S
3RD GRADE CLASS

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bright young artists in Mrs. Kuhn's 3rd grade class at Hickory Woods Elementary in Novi, Michigan.

I know that artists get their start long before high school and college, learning to expand their imagination and foster their creativity in classrooms just like Mrs. Kuhn's.

In an effort to highlight young artists from across Michigan's 11th Congressional District, this year, I announced the 1st Annual "Color my Capitol" Program.

Brimming with talent, Mrs. Kuhn's students were eager to showcase their amazing artistic skills and take part in this one-of-a-kind program.

Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Kuhn's 3rd graders did not disappoint. Their creations are unique, innovative, and imaginative. Their colorful artwork embodies our country's bright and promising future with these sharp young minds leading the way.

It is my utmost honor to have their artwork displayed in my Congressional district office in Troy, Michigan for everyone who visits to enjoy. Each and every time I walk into my office, I am reminded of their talent.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kuhn and the young artists she has the pleasure of teaching.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
CONGRESSMAN DAWSON MATHIS

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Senator JOHNNY ISAKSON, Congressman SANFORD BISHOP, Congressman BARRY LOUDERMILK, Congressman RICK ALLEN, and Congressman TOM GRAVES, to remember the life of former Georgia Congressman Dawson Mathis, who passed away on April 17, 2017. Today, we honor Dawson's life, remember his spirit, and thank him and his family for their meaningful contributions to the state of Georgia.

Born in Nashville, Georgia, Dawson Mathis attended South Georgia College before he moved to Albany, Georgia in 1964 to work at WALB-TV, where he served as the network's news director until 1970. Even at a young age, it was clear that Dawson had a knack for com-

municating with and representing all walks of Georgians, a trait that only shined more as Dawson began his political career.

From 1971 until 1981, Dawson served as the Representative for Georgia's Second Congressional District. During his time in Congress, Dawson was known as a witty southern Democrat who could work cordially with Members on both sides of the aisle. As a legislator, Dawson was a gifted politician, but always a true statesman. Despite his success in working in the highest levels of government, Dawson never grew too proud to forget who he was. He was always known to be open and accessible, willing to talk to local reporters and constituents for hours on end. Amidst the hustle and bustle of Capitol Hill, Dawson never lost sight of advocating for the best interests of the Georgians he represented, and the legacy he left still benefits the people of Southwest Georgia today.

Dawson was one of a kind, and his decade of public service greatly benefitted our state. Our thoughts are with his family and friends during this time as they remember the great man he was.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER ARMY STAFF SERGEANT (SSG) TOMMY SEARY LITTLE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Army Staff Sergeant (SSG) Tommy Seary Little who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on May 2, 2005, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SSG Little died at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas from injuries sustained on April 19 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee outside Iskandariyah, Iraq. Sergeant Terrance A. Elizenberry of Clinton, Sergeant Wyman H. Jones of Columbus, Private First Class Stephen B. Brooks of Columbus, and Sergeant First Class Grayson "Norris" Galatas of Meridian were also injured in the explosion.

SSG Little, an Aliceville, Alabama native and the youngest of 11 children, was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 114th Field Artillery Regiment, Mississippi Army National Guard, Columbus, Mississippi. SSG Little joined the Mississippi Army National Guard after he graduated Aliceville High School.

According to an Associated Press news article, Major General Harold A. Cross, Adjutant General of the Mississippi Army National Guard, said members of the Guard would mourn the loss of this brave soldier. Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour said his family was deeply saddened by another death of a member of the Guard serving in Iraq.

SSG Little's brother, Jack Little said his brother was liked by all.

"He was easy to get along with," Jack said. "If he could help, Tommy always would. He loved the Army."

SSG Little's sister, Ruth Henderson, said her brother was dedicated to the Army.

"He was a hard worker," Ruth said. "He was also a great father."

SSG Little is survived by his wife, Patricia; his daughter, Ashley; his mother Lue Della Lit-

tle; his siblings, Otis Roosevelt Little, Louise Murray, Alfred Little, Eddie Lee Little, Idella Little, Lillie Hutton, Jack Little, Ruth Henderson, Eddie Dean Little, and Bessie Hinton.

The National Guard Armory in Ackerman, Mississippi was named in honor of SSG Little. His sacrifice will always be remembered.

RECOGNIZING MARY AND DAVID
BOIES

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mary and David Boies, who will be honored by United Way of Westchester and Putnam with the Spirit of Caring Award for their leadership, commitment to community, and willingness to help others.

Mary Boies has had a successful career in law and currently serves as Counsel to Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, where she specializes in antitrust and corporate commercial litigation. Her prior positions include General Counsel of the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board, Assistant Director of the Domestic Policy Staff at the White House, and Counsel to the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee. Ms. Boies was also a member of a non-partisan, professional Committee that reviewed federal judicial nominees. In each of these roles, she has always sought to do what is right and best for others.

Outside of her work in law, she has also worked to support children's educational software. She was the founder of MaryBoies Software Inc., which developed Top of the Key and Slam Dunk Typing. Both programs were recognized as some of the top pieces of children's educational software and have been translated into numerous languages for international distribution. Additionally, she has served on the Board of Directors of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Board of Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Center for International Studies, as well as the Board of Visitors that oversees the U.S. Air Force School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, the Air Force Research Institute, the Air War College, the National Security Space Institute, and the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Mr. Boies has also had a distinguished legal career with recognition from many including as one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" by Time Magazine. Currently Chairman of Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, he previously served as Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the United States Senate Antitrust Subcommittee and held similar roles on the Senate Judiciary Committee. He was Special Trial Counsel for the United States Department of Justice in its antitrust suit against Microsoft and lead counsel for Vice President Al Gore in litigation following the 2000 Presidential Election. Mr. Boies served as co-lead counsel for plaintiffs in *Perry v. Brown*, which established for the first time the federal constitutional right for gay and lesbian citizens to marry.

Mr. Boies is a member of Phi Beta Kappa; a Fellow of the American College Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers; and a Trustee of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York University Law School Foundation, and St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center.